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MONTHLY EGG PRODUCTION 1955

Egg production in the United States in 1955 amounted to 4,957 million dozen, a record high output--1 percent more than the revised estimates for 1954. Production has remained fairly steady during the last 5 years. An 11 percent increase in the rate of lay has more than offset a 9 percent decrease in layers since 1950.

Monthly estimates of egg production for the United States for 1946-55 and by States for 1955 are shown in this issue. The estimates 1950-55 have been revised after a review of the 1954 Census and other data not available at the time the original estimates were made. Revised estimates by States, 1950-54, will be released about March 23, 1956.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION, BY MONTHS, 1946-55

Month	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950 1/
	Mil. eggs				
January	4,389	4,664	4,387	4,682	5,286
February	5,108	4,886	4,739	4,871	5,258
March	6,818	6,166	6,010	6,045	6,241
April	6,779	6,246	6,130	5,920	6,080
May	6,254	6,053	5,818	5,664	5,864
June	5,061	5,139	4,898	4,785	4,981
July	4,269	4,491	4,355	4,242	4,482
August	3,675	3,789	3,852	3,797	4,105
September	3,317	3,359	3,500	3,588	3,863
October	3,236	3,458	3,525	3,829	4,086
November	3,190	3,327	3,551	4,028	4,142
December	3,866	3,806	4,133	4,703	4,566
Year	55,962	55,384	54,899	56,154	58,954

Month	1951 1/	1952 1/	1953 1/	1954 1/	1955 1/
	Mil. eggs				
January	5,085	5,226	5,189	5,094	5,234
February	5,099	5,422	5,000	5,000	4,897
March	6,004	6,048	5,824	5,922	5,735
April	5,857	5,783	5,606	5,617	5,648
May	5,709	5,567	5,373	5,453	5,579
June	4,931	4,694	4,699	4,728	4,951
July	4,418	4,166	4,339	4,350	4,617
August	3,988	3,894	4,059	4,172	4,295
September	3,836	3,873	3,952	4,196	4,245
October	4,153	4,214	4,374	4,581	4,631
November	4,283	4,344	4,544	4,708	4,677
December	4,700	4,837	4,933	5,112	4,976
Year	58,063	58,068	57,892	58,932	59,485
1/ Revised.					

State and division:	Layers 1/, 1955					
	January	February	March	April	May	June
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Maine	3,370	3,302	3,186	3,042	2,995	3,070
N.H.	2,282	2,178	2,092	1,987	1,936	1,936
Vt.	1,012	966	933	905	892	896
Mass.	3,499	3,322	3,173	3,014	2,937	3,024
R.I.	406	385	366	347	340	345
Conn.	3,308	3,142	3,016	2,896	2,851	2,908
N.Y.	11,257	10,863	10,500	10,106	9,776	9,658
N.J.	13,629	13,218	12,888	12,500	12,126	11,642
Pa.	19,546	19,045	18,316	17,492	16,873	16,520
N.A.	58,309	56,421	54,470	52,289	50,726	49,999
Ohio	13,252	12,870	12,439	11,792	11,466	11,248
Ind.	12,992	12,636	11,777	10,969	10,720	10,266
Ill.	17,364	17,068	16,778	16,202	15,336	14,104
Mich.	9,460	9,034	8,776	8,518	8,174	7,789
Wis.	12,907	12,758	12,364	11,724	10,888	10,347
E.N.C.	65,975	64,366	62,134	59,205	56,584	53,754
Minn.	23,830	23,268	22,526	21,612	20,250	19,054
Iowa	26,646	25,744	25,089	24,434	23,196	21,626
Mo.	13,185	12,534	12,120	11,882	11,586	11,168
N.Dak.	3,518	3,416	3,335	3,194	3,033	2,972
S.Dak.	7,469	7,341	7,264	7,087	6,679	6,166
Nebr.	10,485	10,296	9,880	9,422	9,075	8,732
Kans.	9,850	9,629	9,364	9,056	8,751	8,402
W.N.C.	94,983	92,228	89,578	86,687	82,570	78,120
Del.	778	738	701	668	636	594
Md.	2,432	2,374	2,336	2,289	2,204	2,100
Va.	5,428	5,267	5,076	4,852	4,594	4,401
W.Va.	2,472	2,410	2,347	2,264	2,201	2,138
N.C.	8,846	8,591	8,338	7,999	7,831	7,496
S.C.	3,088	2,974	2,899	2,824	2,712	2,637
Ga.	6,864	6,784	6,702	6,459	6,054	5,812
Fla.	2,744	2,580	2,515	2,416	2,350	2,350
S.A.	32,652	31,718	30,914	29,771	28,582	27,528
Ky.	7,222	7,018	6,816	6,406	5,926	5,584
Tenn.	6,921	6,714	6,439	6,166	5,686	5,274
Ala.	4,928	4,680	4,619	4,494	4,370	4,306
Miss.	4,156	3,986	3,818	3,650	3,484	3,372
Ark.	3,634	3,582	3,480	3,378	3,328	3,176
La.	2,470	2,433	2,361	2,254	2,218	2,254
Okla.	5,240	5,068	4,826	4,654	4,552	4,449
Texas	14,152	13,776	13,404	12,566	11,816	" 11,627
S.C.	48,723	47,257	45,763	43,568	41,380	40,042
Mont.	1,370	1,318	1,276	1,182	1,098	1,026
Idaho	1,564	1,508	1,481	1,398	1,274	1,205
Wyo.	459	439	426	406	372	356
Colo.	2,004	1,954	1,877	1,800	1,711	1,608
N.Mex.	688	651	628	610	590	576
Ariz.	526	502	485	468	450	432
Utah	2,102	2,070	2,028	1,974	1,890	1,784
Nev.	127	122	115	110	106	101
Wash.	4,322	4,108	3,929	3,786	3,644	3,502
Oreg.	3,297	3,213	3,072	2,960	2,792	2,624
Calif.	21,034	20,612	20,384	20,028	19,854	20,032
West.	37,493	36,497	35,701	34,722	33,781	33,246
U.S.	338,135	328,487	318,560	306,242	293,623	282,689

1/Average number on hand during month.

Layers 1/, 1955

State and division:	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average during year
	1,000 head						
Maine	3,192	3,304	3,436	3,539	3,592	3,494	3,294
N.H.	1,984	2,134	2,247	2,280	2,360	2,420	2,153
Vt.	932	978	1,002	1,052	1,092	1,082	978
Mass.	3,190	3,334	3,568	3,704	3,777	3,848	3,366
R.I.	360	380	406	421	428	432	385
Conn.	3,054	3,252	3,464	3,599	3,635	3,602	3,227
N.Y.	9,600	9,966	10,661	11,144	11,328	11,148	10,501
N.J.	11,798	12,558	13,052	13,424	13,794	14,158	12,899
Pa.	16,958	17,840	18,840	19,689	19,980	19,920	18,418
N.A.	51,068	53,746	56,676	58,852	59,986	50,104	55,221
Ohio	10,600	10,436	11,894	13,190	13,565	13,404	12,180
Ind.	9,964	10,374	11,648	12,715	12,868	12,919	11,654
Ill.	13,380	13,742	15,258	16,848	17,504	17,289	15,906
Mich.	7,748	8,133	8,561	9,034	9,508	9,638	8,698
Wis.	10,150	10,249	11,186	12,370	12,907	12,854	11,725
E.N.C.	51,842	52,934	58,547	64,157	66,352	65,104	60,163
Minn.	18,483	18,888	20,545	21,802	22,488	22,717	21,289
Iowa	20,386	19,309	20,302	23,197	25,104	25,766	23,400
Mo.	10,212	9,555	10,630	12,005	12,602	12,660	11,678
N.Dak.	2,890	2,810	2,912	3,074	3,277	3,439	3,156
S.Dak.	5,782	5,602	5,882	6,418	7,056	7,518	6,689
Nebr.	8,235	7,776	8,200	9,158	9,691	9,920	9,239
Kans.	7,790	7,397	8,310	9,353	9,524	9,481	8,909
W.N.C.	73,778	71,337	76,781	85,007	89,742	91,501	84,360
Del.	570	582	636	706	754	780	679
Md.	2,024	2,034	2,157	2,317	2,411	2,450	2,261
Va.	4,241	4,145	4,435	4,788	4,916	4,882	4,752
W.Va.	2,076	2,055	2,118	2,284	2,410	2,452	2,269
N.C.	7,244	7,414	7,838	8,343	8,762	9,014	8,143
S.C.	2,599	2,674	2,861	2,974	3,012	2,974	2,852
Ga.	5,812	5,894	6,136	6,380	6,462	6,543	6,325
Fla.	2,284	2,186	2,318	2,546	2,678	2,809	2,481
S.A.	26,850	26,984	28,499	30,338	31,405	31,904	29,762
Ky.	5,242	5,378	5,990	6,396	6,598	6,734	6,276
Tenn.	5,272	5,408	5,684	5,956	6,094	6,231	5,987
Ala.	4,056	4,058	4,370	4,558	4,746	4,934	4,510
Miss.	3,372	3,428	3,652	3,876	3,989	4,102	3,740
Ark.	3,074	3,177	3,382	3,483	3,534	3,584	3,401
La.	2,289	2,289	2,324	2,360	2,396	2,431	2,340
Okla.	4,245	4,212	4,554	4,826	4,894	4,962	4,707
Texas	11,810	12,274	13,023	13,768	13,860	13,584	12,971
S.C.	39,360	40,224	42,979	45,223	46,111	46,562	43,932
Mont.	974	1,026	1,172	1,298	1,361	1,382	1,207
Idaho	1,150	1,177	1,370	1,522	1,578	1,578	1,400
Wyo.	360	363	410	434	444	438	409
Colo.	1,596	1,648	1,777	1,944	1,982	1,944	1,820
N.Mex.	563	554	578	624	658	672	616
Ariz.	414	420	448	478	495	501	468
Utah	1,711	1,658	1,676	1,792	1,915	1,985	1,882
Nev.	95	95	103	110	116	120	110
Wash.	3,358	3,500	3,891	4,142	4,286	4,393	3,905
Oreg.	2,539	2,622	2,818	2,956	3,096	3,180	2,931
Calif.	20,534	21,262	21,683	21,856	21,680	21,203	20,847
West.	33,294	34,325	35,926	37,156	37,611	37,396	35,595
U.S.	276,192	279,550	299,408	320,733	331,207	333,571	309,033

1/Average number on hand during month.

Eggs per 100 layers, 1955

State and : Division:	January Number	February Number	March Number	April Number	May Number	June Number
Maine	1,779	1,624	1,848	1,908	1,934	1,788
N.H.	1,705	1,540	1,742	1,755	1,851	1,722
Vt.	1,860	1,683	1,876	1,887	1,990	1,770
Mass.	1,823	1,641	1,885	1,893	1,919	1,740
R.I.	1,863	1,674	1,848	1,824	1,876	1,722
Conn.	1,730	1,585	1,752	1,686	1,755	1,692
N.Y.	1,690	1,540	1,748	1,740	1,848	1,782
N.J.	1,485	1,450	1,736	1,728	1,773	1,653
Pa.	1,640	1,546	1,792	1,824	1,891	1,752
N.A.	1,646	1,538	1,779	1,784	1,851	1,730
Ohio	1,643	1,529	1,792	1,806	1,848	1,713
Ind.	1,631	1,557	1,872	1,911	1,925	1,752
Ill.	1,544	1,467	1,798	1,890	1,947	1,782
Mich.	1,628	1,515	1,755	1,794	1,860	1,707
Wis.	1,714	1,551	1,761	1,812	1,934	1,812
E.N.C.	1,626	1,521	1,798	1,848	1,909	1,758
Minn.	1,755	1,596	1,807	1,830	1,944	1,848
Iowa	1,779	1,655	1,931	1,980	2,058	1,896
Mo.	1,355	1,350	1,755	1,938	1,984	1,782
N.Dak.	1,426	1,327	1,624	1,824	2,003	1,806
S.Dak.	1,528	1,484	1,795	1,902	1,962	1,794
Nebr.	1,575	1,540	1,916	2,004	2,065	1,848
Kans.	1,531	1,518	1,919	1,998	2,027	1,824
W.N.C.	1,633	1,545	1,850	1,929	2,007	1,843
Del.	1,476	1,506	1,826	1,806	1,848	1,713
Md.	1,407	1,478	1,841	1,875	1,876	1,704
Va.	1,345	1,394	1,786	1,800	1,810	1,665
W.Va.	1,274	1,347	1,804	1,923	1,925	1,734
N.C.	1,314	1,366	1,767	1,800	1,820	1,686
S.C.	1,302	1,392	1,724	1,728	1,748	1,650
Ga.	1,519	1,490	1,817	1,803	1,798	1,632
Fla.	1,699	1,602	1,823	1,761	1,807	1,692
S.A.	1,397	1,422	1,792	1,807	1,816	1,675
Ky.	1,104	1,201	1,696	1,872	1,869	1,650
Tenn.	1,023	1,165	1,631	1,734	1,742	1,542
Ala.	1,271	1,305	1,674	1,737	1,748	1,584
Miss.	1,122	1,198	1,612	1,683	1,662	1,476
Ark.	1,023	1,165	1,606	1,767	1,823	1,599
La.	1,088	1,204	1,674	1,695	1,652	1,470
Okla.	1,324	1,400	1,810	1,878	1,910	1,716
Texas	1,265	1,380	1,776	1,779	1,810	1,620
S.C.	1,176	1,276	1,707	1,779	1,796	1,596
Mont.	1,500	1,408	1,665	1,788	1,916	1,767
Idaho	1,649	1,562	1,835	1,872	1,978	1,842
Wyo.	1,593	1,484	1,798	1,908	1,975	1,821
Colo.	1,457	1,411	1,745	1,827	1,876	1,746
N.Mex.	1,358	1,338	1,764	1,866	1,844	1,734
Ariz.	1,519	1,473	1,755	1,758	1,854	1,704
Utah	1,550	1,473	1,776	1,803	1,910	1,788
Nev.	1,370	1,394	1,714	1,773	1,841	1,644
Wash.	1,817	1,658	1,823	1,803	1,885	1,764
Oreg.	1,739	1,660	1,910	1,860	1,903	1,818
Calif.	1,665	1,574	1,852	1,836	1,897	1,827
West.	1,656	1,565	1,840	1,832	1,898	1,808
U.S.	1,548	1,491	1,800	1,844	1,900	1,751

Eggs per 100 layers, 1955

State and Division	July	August	September	October	November	December
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Maine	1,745	1,618	1,620	1,720	1,698	1,835
N.H.	1,693	1,637	1,584	1,631	1,620	1,773
Vt.	1,727	1,680	1,578	1,674	1,662	1,779
Mass.	1,702	1,680	1,584	1,637	1,668	1,770
R.I.	1,702	1,658	1,632	1,680	1,644	1,779
Conn.	1,761	1,742	1,647	1,730	1,704	1,761
N.Y.	1,767	1,686	1,581	1,600	1,596	1,658
N.J.	1,618	1,572	1,524	1,562	1,452	1,380
Pa.	1,671	1,593	1,539	1,559	1,518	1,593
N.A.	1,692	1,622	1,565	1,599	1,555	1,601
Ohio	1,631	1,538	1,422	1,476	1,494	1,559
Ind.	1,624	1,457	1,383	1,482	1,518	1,606
Ill.	1,668	1,482	1,368	1,432	1,425	1,516
Mich.	1,652	1,581	1,455	1,454	1,464	1,612
Wis.	1,724	1,538	1,398	1,488	1,530	1,624
E.N.C.	1,661	1,517	1,401	1,464	1,483	1,576
Minn.	1,779	1,600	1,386	1,401	1,512	1,711
Iowa	1,779	1,575	1,434	1,488	1,488	1,640
Mo.	1,671	1,451	1,272	1,286	1,224	1,252
N.Dak.	1,686	1,544	1,314	1,128	1,008	1,156
S.Dak.	1,662	1,457	1,230	1,132	1,140	1,342
Nebr.	1,686	1,438	1,263	1,290	1,302	1,426
Kans.	1,643	1,420	1,290	1,370	1,374	1,432
W.N.C.	1,728	1,524	1,344	1,362	1,380	1,518
Del.	1,612	1,488	1,398	1,429	1,368	1,327
Md.	1,556	1,389	1,266	1,271	1,194	1,212
Va.	1,550	1,395	1,260	1,252	1,218	1,283
W.Va.	1,631	1,469	1,290	1,159	1,050	1,132
N.C.	1,556	1,407	1,362	1,383	1,296	1,364
S.C.	1,621	1,457	1,332	1,370	1,305	1,348
Ga.	1,578	1,525	1,476	1,528	1,464	1,544
Fla.	1,720	1,683	1,602	1,649	1,590	1,717
S.A.	1,587	1,464	1,375	1,384	1,321	1,388
Ky.	1,519	1,296	1,134	1,144	1,020	1,017
Tenn.	1,438	1,324	1,218	1,147	1,011	1,070
Ala.	1,531	1,432	1,329	1,308	1,197	1,271
Miss.	1,383	1,240	1,134	1,153	1,023	1,004
Ark.	1,454	1,318	1,164	1,116	1,020	1,004
La.	1,355	1,228	1,104	1,048	978	1,038
Okla.	1,556	1,330	1,212	1,246	1,158	1,175
Texas	1,534	1,389	1,272	1,296	1,164	1,178
S.C.	1,494	1,340	1,215	1,212	1,093	1,112
Mont.	1,724	1,658	1,464	1,370	1,320	1,438
Idaho	1,798	1,634	1,461	1,513	1,464	1,581
Wyo.	1,730	1,612	1,458	1,361	1,230	1,283
Colo.	1,668	1,500	1,350	1,348	1,272	1,339
N.Mex.	1,705	1,488	1,317	1,389	1,326	1,333
Ariz.	1,624	1,482	1,251	1,333	1,458	1,587
Utah	1,742	1,736	1,692	1,711	1,536	1,494
Nev.	1,587	1,544	1,410	1,386	1,266	1,249
Wash.	1,792	1,779	1,710	1,767	1,680	1,727
Oreg.	1,798	1,686	1,626	1,708	1,611	1,683
Calif.	1,838	1,798	1,704	1,742	1,680	1,730
West.	1,811	1,745	1,648	1,682	1,603	1,663
U.S.	1,672	1,536	1,418	1,444	1,412	1,492

Eggs produced, 1955

State and Division	January	February	March	April	May	June
	Mil. eggs					
Maine	60	54	59	58	58	55
N.H.	39	34	36	35	36	33
Vt.	19	16	18	17	18	16
Mass.	64	55	60	57	56	53
R.I.	8	6	7	6	6	6
Conn.	57	50	53	49	50	49
N.Y.	190	167	184	176	181	172
N.J.	202	192	224	216	215	192
Pa.	321	294	328	319	319	289
N.A.	960	868	969	933	939	865
Ohio	218	197	223	213	212	193
Ind.	212	197	220	210	206	180
Ill.	268	250	302	306	299	251
Mich.	154	137	154	153	152	133
Wis.	221	198	218	212	211	188
E.N.C.	1,073	979	1,117	1,094	1,080	945
Minn.	418	371	407	395	394	352
Iowa	474	426	484	484	477	410
Mo.	179	169	213	230	230	199
N.Dak.	50	45	54	58	61	54
S.Dak.	114	109	130	135	131	111
Nebr.	165	159	189	189	187	161
Kans.	151	146	180	181	177	153
W.N.C.	1,551	1,425	1,657	1,672	1,657	1,440
Del.	11	11	13	12	12	10
Md.	34	35	43	43	41	36
Va.	73	73	91	87	83	73
W.Va.	31	32	42	44	42	37
N.C.	116	117	147	144	143	126
S.C.	40	41	50	49	47	44
Ga.	104	101	122	116	109	95
Fla.	47	41	46	43	42	40
S.A.	456	451	554	538	519	461
Ky.	80	84	116	120	111	92
Tenn.	71	78	105	107	99	81
Ala.	63	61	77	78	76	68
Miss.	47	48	62	61	58	50
Ark.	37	42	56	60	61	51
La.	27	29	40	38	37	33
Okla.	69	71	87	87	87	76
Texas	179	190	238	224	214	188
S.C.	573	603	781	775	743	639
Mont.	21	19	21	21	21	18
Idaho	26	24	27	26	25	22
Wyo.	7	7	8	8	7	6
Colo.	29	28	33	33	32	28
N.Mex.	9	9	11	11	11	10
Ariz.	8	7	9	8	8	7
Utah	33	30	36	36	36	32
Nev.	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wash.	79	68	72	68	69	62
Oreg.	57	53	59	55	53	48
Calif.	350	324	379	368	377	366
West.	621	571	657	636	641	601
U.S.	5,234	4,897	5,735	5,648	5,572	4,951

State and division:	Eggs produced, 1955						Total for year
	July	August	September	October	November	December	
	Mil. eggs	Mil. eggs	Mil. eggs	Mil. eggs	Mil. eggs	Mil. eggs	Mil. eggs
Maine	56	53	56	61	61	64	695
N.H.	34	35	36	37	38	43	436
Vt.	16	16	16	18	18	19	207
Mass.	54	56	57	61	63	68	704
R.I.	6	6	7	7	7	8	80
Conn.	54	57	57	62	62	63	663
N.Y.	170	168	169	178	181	185	2,121
N.J.	191	197	199	210	200	195	2,433
Pa.	283	284	290	307	303	317	3,654
N.A.	864	872	887	941	933	962	10,993
Ohio	173	161	169	195	203	209	2,366
Ind.	162	151	161	188	195	207	2,289
Ill.	223	204	209	241	249	262	3,064
Mich.	128	129	125	131	139	155	1,690
Wis.	175	158	156	184	198	209	2,328
E.N.C.	861	803	820	939	984	1,042	11,737
Minn.	329	302	285	305	340	389	4,287
Iowa	363	304	291	345	374	423	4,855
Mo.	171	139	135	154	154	159	2,132
N.Dak.	49	43	38	35	33	40	560
S.Dak.	96	82	72	73	80	101	1,234
Nebr.	139	112	104	118	126	141	1,790
Kans.	128	105	107	128	131	136	1,723
W.N.C.	1,275	1,087	1,032	1,158	1,238	1,389	16,581
Del.	9	9	9	10	10	10	126
Md.	31	28	27	29	30	406	
Va.	66	58	56	60	60	63	843
W.Va.	34	30	27	26	25	28	398
N.C.	113	104	107	115	114	123	1,469
S.C.	42	39	38	41	39	40	510
Ga.	92	90	91	97	95	101	1,213
Fla.	39	37	37	42	43	48	505
S.A.	426	395	392	420	415	443	5,470
Ky.	80	70	68	73	67	68	1,029
Tenn.	76	72	69	68	62	67	955
Ala.	62	58	58	60	57	63	781
Miss.	47	43	41	45	41	41	584
Ark.	45	42	39	39	36	36	544
La.	31	28	26	25	23	25	362
Okla.	66	56	55	60	57	58	829
Texas	181	170	166	178	161	160	2,249
S.C.	588	539	522	548	504	518	7,333
Mont.	17	17	17	18	18	20	228
Idaho	21	19	20	23	23	25	281
Wyo.	6	6	6	6	5	6	78
Colo.	27	25	24	26	25	26	336
N.Mex.	10	8	8	9	9	9	114
Ariz.	7	6	6	6	7	8	87
Utah	30	29	28	31	29	30	380
Nev.	2	1	1	2	1	1	20
Wash.	60	62	67	73	72	76	828
Oreg.	46	44	46	50	50	54	615
Calif.	377	382	369	381	364	367	4,404
West.	603	599	592	625	603	622	7,371
U.S.	4,617	4,295	4,245	4,631	4,677	4,976	59,485

